

have always contended that these tangles would prove retreats for birds not found regularly so far north in winter, and here is corroboration. The weather had been unusually mild, without snow to speak of, up to Thanksgiving day, but on that day about two inches of snow fell, with a cold wave, and ever since the ground has been covered with from two to four inches of snow. On several nights the temperature fell below  $10^{\circ}$ , but the thrush seemed to be as robust and contented as could well be. Robins were also seen during the day, and one flock of Pine Grosbeaks. The occurrence of southern species wintering with northern species seems remarkable. The study of the winter birds, during this winter, promises to be worthy of unusual interest.

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#### BLACK SKIMMER AT WOODS HOLE, MASS.

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The rarity of the Black Skimmer anywhere along the Massachusetts coast makes any occurrence worthy of note. Messrs. Howe and Allen, in their "Birds of Massachusetts" give the only Woods Hole record as follows: (page 28) "Falmouth, Woods Holl, a young bird taken August 19, 1879, by John F. Carlton, and now in the collection of the Boston Society of Natural History." I have a record of a bird in full plumage, July 16, 1903, for the Woepecket Islands. The bird appeared soon after my arrival at 8:30 A. M., and remained near the islands, circling around them several times, and approaching me within a few yards twice. It was so pestered by the terns that it finally flew down Buzzards Bay and disappeared oceanward.

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#### A NEW YEAR HORIZON.

The editor again calls for New Year Horizons from all localities. We made a good beginning last year, but let us do far better this time. The offer to send free of cost a year's